

I-405 Projects Update

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Monday through Wednesday nights, March 27-29, crews will close all northbound lanes of I-405 near NE 128th Street from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. Traffic will follow a signed [detour](#) around the work zone.

These closures are necessary for crews to set nine 128-foot steel girders that will form the frame of the new NE 128th Street bridge over I-405. The new bridge is scheduled to open to all traffic late this year.

Later this spring we plan to set the bridge girders over the southbound lanes, which will require total nighttime closures of southbound I-405. Visit [WSDOT's](#) and [Sound Transit's](#) Web pages for more information on the Totem Lake Freeway Station Project.

Other upcoming work that will affect I-405 Kirkland traffic

- In the next couple of weeks, crews expect to shift all southbound I-405 lanes away from the median near NE 128th so crews can build bridge supports.
- Crews expect to reopen Totem Lake Blvd. at the NE 128th intersection within the next couple of weeks, ahead of the eight-week closure schedule which began Feb. 27.

Please check our [construction update report](#) for frequently updated information. We also encourage you to visit our [travel options](#) Web site to find many ways to get around during I-405 construction.

You're invited to an open house for the Kirkland Nickel Stage 1 Project next week

Late this month crews will begin work on stage 1 of the [Kirkland Nickel Improvement Project](#), cutting down trees so that we can build noise walls. Overall we'll plant more trees than we cut down during this project, maintaining our commitment to a green corridor. Residents in the Highlands neighborhood will also see excavation as we begin improvements to enhance fish passage in Forbes Creek.

Please join us at a construction kick-off open house:

- Date: Thursday, March 30
- Time: 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Place: City of Kirkland Maintenance Center (915 8th Street, Kirkland)

Team members will be available to talk in-depth about project benefits and ways we're minimizing the effects of construction. You'll also have the opportunity to learn about [other I-405 projects](#).

For more information, download the [Spring 2006 Kirkland Nickel Project Stage 1 Newsletter](#) (pdf 200 kb).

Join us tomorrow at the Renton to Bellevue Project open house and public hearing

The Renton to Bellevue (SR 169 to I-90) project team released their study of the project's potential effects on the environment on March 9. We're collecting your comments on the study, or [environmental assessment](#) (EA), until April 14. If you'd like to provide comments in person or talk with project staff face to face, join us at the [public open house and hearing](#) tomorrow:

- Date: Wed, Mar. 22
- Time: 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Place: Renton Senior Activity Center (211 Burnett Ave N.)

Highway advisory radio updates

Tune your radio to 530 AM or 1520 AM as you drive on I-405 through the Totem Lake area of Kirkland to hear the latest closure information and project updates. Questions or comments? E-mail [Laura Johnson](#).

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